



# Don Goins

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**L**eesville's long-time community pharmacist and local business leader, Don Goins, 74, passed away Saturday, August 25, 2012.

Born and raised in Leesville, Mr. Goins was the middle of three sons of Milton and Elsie Goins. He graduated from Leesville High School in 1955 and was proud to be a LHS Wampus Cat. A strong supporter of LHS and active member of the Alumni Association, Mr. Goins particularly loved Wampus Cat football and cheering the Cats to victory. He was known to change from a mild mannered pharmacist into a loud cheerleader prone to vocal outbursts aimed at refs that obviously didn't know what they were doing!

Don attended LSU at Baton Rouge for two years in pre-pharmacy before transferring to Northeast in Monroe to enroll in Pharmacy school. In 1961, he received his BS Pharmacy degree from Northeast as a member of its third graduating class of pharmacy.

Upon graduation, he returned to his home town and went to work in Phoenix Rexall Drugs, the same drug store where he began working in the newsstand at the age of twelve. He was quick to say that he felt it was a real blessing to have been able to come back to his home town and work doing what he loved which was taking care of people and making them feel better. This past summer he marked his 51st year as a pharmacist.

On August 18, 1962, Don married his best friend, Sarah Ferguson of Anacoco. Together they raised three children and built several businesses. His childhood dream was to own a pharmacy, and with lots of hard work, a good head for business, and the right partner by his side, he was able to achieve that dream.

Mr. Goins felt strongly that a man should give back a portion of that with which he was blessed and he lived that philosophy every day. He was an active leader in the Leesville-Vernon Parish community having served on the Vernon Parish School



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Board, Chamber of Commerce, Leesville Jaycees, Association of the United States Army, and too many committees and boards to mention. It was his deeply held belief that the most important aspect of service to others lay in remaining anonymous, so in his quiet, unassuming manner he just went about taking care of things because it was the right thing and “that’s what you do”.

The compass that guided Mr. Goins was his deep and faithful relationship with Christ and in all aspects of his life he tried to follow the Golden Rule. He was a member of Leesville First United Methodist Church where he held down the tenor section of the choir, taught a “short-term” Sunday school class (for 30 years) and served as the church treasurer as long as just about anyone can remember.

Don Goins is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sarah, and their three children: daughter Cynthia Wann Jeane and her husband Stephan of Leesville, son Jeffrey Goins and his wife Katherine of Alexandria and daughter Julie and her husband Diego Quesada of Cabo, Mexico. Also mourning his passing are his brothers: Larry Goins and wife Velma of Leesville and James Goins and wife Jean of Shreveport. He is also survived by nine grandchildren who were his pride and joy: Courtney Dodson, Patrick Wann, Jenna Jeane, Sarah, Tucker and Noah Wann, Katie and Otis Goins, and Gia Quesada.

Visitation for Mr. Goins will be held at Labby Memorial Funeral Home Monday, August 27th from 5pm-9pm. Funeral services will be held at First United Methodist Church of Leesville at 10:30am Tuesday, August 28th. Burial will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, the Goins Family asks that donations be made to the Methodist Children’s Home of Sulphur, Louisiana and First United Methodist Church of Leesville.



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JM

**Jackie Crews-Mcrae** posted:

Don, was one of my best and most faithful friends. I think of you so often. Words can't express the friendship I had for you.....RIP my fellow classmate. LHS of "55

June 6 at 7:00 PM

MH

**Melba Heidner** posted:

We just heard of Don's passing and we are so very sorry for your loss. He was a good employer, a great mentor and a friend. Working for him was a great experience. Knowing him was a privilege. We will miss him. Our love and prayers to you and your family. Love from Bill and Queen Melba

October 7 at 7:00 PM

JB

**James Blosdale** posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

September 4 at 7:00 PM

TR

**Teresa Rushing** posted:

Mr Goins was a great Pharmacist to work for and passed on a lot of wisdom that will not be forgotten. My deepest Sympathies and prayers go out to his family, friends and employees. He was a good Christian and he will be deeply missed by all those who and loved him.

September 1 at 7:00 PM

VG

**Valerie Gray** posted:

My deepest sympathy for your family. Mr Goins was a wonderful man who was always there for you as a Pharmacist in this community for me and my family for many years. He will be missed, the store will never be the same without him in it. Valerie, Gary and Jessica Gray.

August 30 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Judith Sampson** posted:

He will be missed. It was always a joy to go to the pharmacy and see Mr. Goins. He was always such a help. God Bless you and your family

August 30 at 7:00 PM



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KK

**Karen Keck** posted:

My deepest sympathy to your family and you are in my prayers for God's comfort. Mr. Goins was a prominent man in Leesville and he will be greatly missed. Sincerely, Karen Keck (Audrey Chamberlain Peterson's daughter)

August 29 at 7:00 PM

DG

**Debi Grant** posted:

Mr. Don was a great man. He will be deeply missed by everyone in Vernon Parish.

August 29 at 7:00 PM

CS

**Clint Skinner** posted:

Mr. Don will be deeply missed by many. He was a great man and it was an honor to know him. The Goins family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

August 29 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jeannette Simms** posted:

Dear Mrs.Goins & Family, Mr. Goins was a very kind, compassionate man and a wonderful part of this community and his loss will be felt by many he has helped through the years. Our prayers are with you in this most difficult time.

August 29 at 7:00 PM

BW

**Billy & Sharmyn Weatherford** posted:

Mrs. Goins, We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mr. Don. He was the first person we met when we moved here in 1980. I had gone to the ER in Alexandria and when we got home my husband called your pharmacy and Mr. Don came and opened his pharmacy at 1:00 a.m. so that my husband could get my medicine. We never could thank him enough. We will always be here if you or your family needs anything. You and your family are in our prayers.

August 27 at 7:00 PM



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LD

**Lou Droddy** posted:

Mrs. Goins,I am deeply sorry for your loss. Mr. Goins was a great man, and I really looked up to him. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

August 27 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Joy Fondren** posted:

SarahMy heart has been aching for you, but just remember the Holy Spirit can provide such comfort. I know that for a fact. I love you and I am praying for you.

August 27 at 7:00 PM

LO

**Lott** posted:

Sarah and family,So terribly sorry for your lost. Don was a great person and a great neighbor. He will be truly missed in the community. Please feel free to call if you need anything. Your neighbors,La Barbara and Sidney Lott

August 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Sarah and family,I am so terribly sorry for your loss. Don was an exceptional, kind person who lived his faith every day. My prayers are with you.Joanne Mayo

August 26 at 7:00 PM

LF

**Lu Pitts And Family** posted:

Dear Sarah and familyDon was such a wonderful person, my heart aches for you but you can find solace knowing that he is singing in the angel's choir in heaven. We will miss him so much.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

KW

**Kenny Wilson** posted:

My heart felt sympathy to the Goins family. Mr. Don was a outstanding person and a true gentleman. The pharmacy profession has lost one its true leaders.

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DW

**Dave Willis** posted:

Mr Don was so nice to my family and always was concerned with my daughter Moriahs condition, he truly was a good, considerate man. I will miss him. Dave Willis and Family

August 26 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Julie Wilkinson Breithaupt** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Goins family. Mr. Don was a well respected man and made important contributions to the profession of pharmacy. He impacted so many lives in a positive way...and we will miss him.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tammy Schamerhorn** posted:

Mr. Goins was so much more than a pharmacist. He was a friend and one that I spent many, many times with chatting with about my daughters' new medicines as scientist sent them "down the pipeline" to improve the quality of life for those with cystic fibrosis. He was always so eager to learn about them. Oh, the laughs we have shared about the "old days of CF!" But what I most remember was the way he would many times exit our conversations. He would look at me and say "and how are you doing?" We both knew what that meant and I would shake my head and say "just fine." (I am sure he also knew when I was not telling him the truth because he would often then say, "take of yourself") I am going to miss him!

August 26 at 7:00 PM

TL

**Tresa Lawson** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Don was a wonderful and generous man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Prayers to you and your family.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

CC

**Crystal Carter** posted:

We were all saddened to hear this news. Don was such a special man and the profession of pharmacy was better because of him. On behalf of the Louisiana Pharmacists Association, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Wanda Whitman** posted:

Sarah, my prayers are with you and your family in the loss of your loved one. Remember, "Cast all your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you. He will never let you fall."

August 26 at 7:00 PM



**Tracy Bedell** posted:

Words cannot express the loss that is felt for your family, for those who knew him, for the entire community. Don Goins was a pillar of faith and service to the entire parish. His kindness, gentleness and caring gifts helped so many people in so many ways. His loss is felt all the way to Kansas. The only comfort I have is knowing what tremendous legacy he left and what a positive impact he had on so many others. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. You are all in my heart.

August 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To the Goins Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of Mr. Don. He was a wonderful and kind man that graced the streets of our town. He will be missed. The O.B. & Joe McCain families

August 26 at 7:00 PM



**Bill & Shandy Mounce** posted:

Our community has suffered a great loss with Mr Goins going to be with his Lord. Having known him for many years it is with heavy hearts we bid him goodbye. Our prayers are with the family and friends left to mourn his passing. There is a hole in our lives but a new voice in Heaven's choir.

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**Tina And Michael Shirley** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers. God Bless.

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BS

**Bobby And Charlotte Smith** posted:

We would like to sincerely express how sorry we are to the family of Don. He was truly a good friend and classmate growing up at LHS. We are so glad to have moved back to Leesville after 50 years and to have renewed our friendship.

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JC

**Joy Cleveland** posted:

LOVE YOU JOY AND FAMILY I WILL MISS YOU MY BEST FRIEND.

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TL

**Ted Ledet** posted:

To the Goins Family: Sorry to hear of Mr. Don's passing. He was always such a kind man! I believe our purpose on earth is to bring a little heaven to those we come in contact with, and I can honestly say that Don did just that! May God's peace comfort you in this time of loss.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Mike Moss** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Some of my fondest memories of growing up in Leesville involve Don and Larry and the activities we shared. I'm sure he will be sorely missed by the Leesville community and also by the Class of 1955.

August 26 at 7:00 PM

LF

**Lyndsey Lowery Flowers** posted:

Dear Goins Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember when I was little we would come visit Aunt Elsie and she would love to bring us by the pharmacy to see our cousin Don. She was so proud! He will be greatly missed. I am very glad to be apart of the Goins family. Just know he's up there with Aunt Elsie and Uncle Milton and my papaw. We love y'all and once again, I'm sorry!

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LB

**Lewis & Brenda Brown** posted:

Sarah, Cindy, Julie and Jeff, We are so sorry to hear about Don. Our prayers go out for the Goins family during this time of grief. We pray that the Grace and Peace that passeth all understanding surrounds you at this time and that good memories sustain you in the days and years to come.

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DM

**Dana Mcpherson** posted:

always a great man. he will be missed

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DJ

**Donald And Sigrid Jackson** posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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DL

**Dede Lowery** posted:

Sarah, Cindy, Julie and Jeff, I am so sorry to hear about Don he was always such a quiet and kind man who you always knew loved his family dearly. Even though Don was my first cousin we were never around each other enough to have a close relationship but I always knew that if I ran into someone from Leesville I could always mention Don the pharmacist and everyone knew him and had only respect for him which always made me so proud. Ever since I heard of his passing I have been so saddened for his family that has to go on without him, but he has truly left a legacy for all of us who knew him of love, kindness, respect and family. I am proud to be a part of the Goinsfamily. My prayers are with you all. Much Love

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SR

**Sharon Rhodes** posted:

Mr. Don was a great man. Always calling you by name when you shopped his store. Always ready to help if you needed something. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!

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BH

**Bridget Huie** posted:

Simple words just can't express my sorrow at Mr. Don's passing. From making sure my 1st husband had medicine during his battle with cancer, to giving wise words of advice, to fighting off a burglar - Mr. Don was a prime example of a real man who loved God and his community. His care and concern was real and he will be greatly missed.

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SS

**Sandy Smith** posted:

Cindy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a good man and well respected. My love and prayers are with you all during this time.

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DH

**Dorothy & Arthur Haymon** posted:

We are sorry to hear about Don's passing. You can be sweetly comforted by the remembrance of the happy times and precious memories of happy times spent together. Our prayers are with you.  
Dorothy and Arthur Haymon

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CF

**Charles & Mrs. George S. Fisher** posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the entire Goins Family in the loss of their loved one.

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AC

**Angel Capello** posted:

Dear Cindy, You and your family are in our prayers. Sympathy prayer  
Dear Lord, please comfort those in grief, Love them, lift them, give relief  
For loss they've suffered, sadness felt; Make this sorrow slowly melt.  
Lord, let happy memories ease, Creating peace like a gentle breeze, And as you help them make it through.  
Draw them closer, Lord, to you. Sincere condolences on your loss. By Joanna Fuchs  
God Bless. Love Tom and Angel Capello

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ML

**Milisia Lybarger** posted:

Mrs. Sarah, We are so sad to hear of Mr. Dons passing. We will always think of such a wonderful sweet soul when we think of him. Prayers and hugs to all of you. Love The Lybarger's John, Milisia and Ella

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LT

**Luanne Toombs** posted:

Sorry for your loss.

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DJ

**Donald And Sigrid Jackson** posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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MG

**Mike & Wanda Grantham** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. Don was a wonderful and caring man. He always called us by name every time we shopped in the store. He will be greatly missed by our family. God Bless

August 24 at 7:00 PM

DF

**Danny & Denise White & Family** posted:

Our condolences to your family. Mr. Don was a great man and will be really missed by our community. He leaves a great legacy. We pray for God's peace and comfort.

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MJ

**Melody & Hunter Johnson** posted:

I am very sorry for your loss, Mr Don was a sweet man and he took care of all of his customers in this town and others around. God bless his family and our prayers go out to you!

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ME

**Mike Elliott** posted:

my deepest sympathy and multiple prayers to you sarah and cindy and the rest of the family; don was a great man,great businessman, but most important he was a wonderful christian who loved god and his family; rest in peace don; i will miss you;

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LK

**Lori Kopacz** posted:

I'm saddened for your loss, my condolences to Miss Sarah, Cindy and family. Leesville will be at a loss without Mr. Don.

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SS

**Sheelagh Sullivan** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss.He was a fine man, and he will certainly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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BN

**Bonnie Neal** posted:

My prayers are with you Sara and the family. Will miss Don very much, but can still hear his voice sinning the the Angels Band. Call me if you need anything at all. With Love and God Bless All of You!

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Don by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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